

# Gbandi language

The **Bandi language**, also known as **Bande**, **Gbandi**, **Gbandi** and **Gbunde**, is a Mande language. It is spoken primarily in Lofa County in northern Liberia by the Gbandi people.<sup>[3]</sup>

Bandi has six dialects: Hasala, Hembeh, Lukasa, Wawana, Wulukoha, and Tahamba, which is the dialect used for literature.<sup>[3]</sup> The dialects have a lexical similarity of 96% among one another, and 83% with the most similar dialect of the Mende language.<sup>[3]</sup>

## See also

- Languages of Liberia

The Gbandi language has the following dialects: Wawoma, Tahamba, Hembeh, Hassallah, Lukasu and Lukassu.

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<b>Gbandi</b>	
<b>Native to</b>	Guinea, Liberia
<b>Native speakers</b>	ca. 100,000 (2001) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<p>Niger–Congo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mande</li> <li>▪ Western Mande</li> <li>▪ Southwestern</li> <li>▪ Mende–Loma</li> <li>▪ Mende–Bandi</li> <li>▪ Bandi–Zialo</li> <li>▪ <b>Gbandi</b></li> </ul>
<b>Dialects</b>	<p>Tahamba</p> <p>Wawoma</p> <p>Vukoha</p> <p>Hasala</p> <p>Lukasu</p> <p>Hembeh</p>
<b>Writing system</b>	Latin
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	bza
<b>Glottolog</b>	band1352 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/band1352">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/band1352</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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